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Read-Alikes for the Stephanie Plum Series

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Track of the Cat: An Anna Pigeon Mystery by Nevada Barr

Read by Suzanne Toren

8 hours, 21 minutes

National park ranger Anna Pigeon is patrolling the West Texas backcountry when she discovers the body of a colleague apparently killed by a mountain lion. Disbelieving, Anna tracks a human killer as conflict erupts among park employees, hunters, ranchers, and conservationists. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1993.

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Her Royal Spyness by Rhys Bowen

Read by Patricia Kilgarriff

8 hours, 47 minutes

London, 1932. Lady Georgiana fails at various occupations but eventually turns detective after finding the body of an unsavory French gambler who attempted to seize her family's Scottish estate. When her half brother is accused of the murder, Georgie sets out to clear his name, drawing the killer's attention. 2007.

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Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death by M.C. Beaton

Read by Carmella Ross

6 hours, 19 minutes

At fifty-three, Agatha Raisin sells her successful public relations firm in London for early retirement in the Cotswolds. Lacking social skills, Agatha is soon bored and lonely. To garner some popularity, she enters a store-bought quiche in a local bake-off, but instead of winning she learns that her entry has poisoned the judge. To clear her name, Agatha resolves to find the story behind the poison. Strong language. 1992.

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Macdeath: an Ivy Meadows Mystery by Cindy Brown

Read by Jackie Brady

8 hours, 35 minutes

Ivy Meadows literally trips her way into a circus-themed production of Macbeth, but her luck seems to run out when a real death occurs on opening night. She sets out to prove that a killer is in their midst. Some strong language.

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The Little Lady Agency by Hester Browne

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 12 hours, 48 minutes

Twenty-seven-year-old Londoner Melissa Romney-Jones opens Little Lady Agency, a consulting firm dedicated to helping bachelors navigate their personal and social lives. Melissa dons a wig and assumes the professional identity of "Honey," but when sparks fly with American client Jonathan Riley, Melissa wonders whether he loves her or Honey. 2005.

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Goodnight, Irene By Jan Burke

Read by Carol Dines

9 hours, 50 minutes

O'Connor, Irene Kelly's best friend from her newspaper days, is blown to bits in his front yard. Homicide detective Frank Harriman asks Irene to help him by returning to her newspaper job to find out if O'Connor had made any progress on his pet project--a thirty-five-year-old case of an anonymous murder victim. Strong language and violence. 1993.

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Goodbye, Ms. Chips by Dorothy Cannell

Read by Corrie James

9 hours, 47 minutes

Ellie Haskell's old boarding-school chum Dorcas Critchley now works as their alma mater's games mistress. Familiar with Ellie's amateur-sleuthing skills, Dorcas asks Ellie to find out who took a valuable lacrosse cup. But the suspicious death of retired teacher Ms. Chips changes the focus of Ellie's investigation. 2008.

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Catering to Nobody by Diane Mott Davidson

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

9 hours 6 minutes

Colorado. Goldy caters the wake for her son Arch's fifth-grade teacher, who apparently committed suicide. During the event, Goldy's ex-father-in-law is poisoned. Afraid of losing her business and ruining her reputation, Goldy investigates the incidents and discovers that Arch may be involved. Includes recipes. Some strong language. 1992.

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Louisiana Longshot by Jana DeLeon

Read by

With a price on her head from one of the world's largest arms dealers, CIA assassin Fortune Redding poses as a librarian and former beauty queen while she hides in the small bayou town of Sinful, Louisiana. Her newly inherited dog immediately digs up a human bone in her backyard. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

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Back to the Bedroom by Janet Evanovich

Read by Colleen Delany

4 hours, 50 minutes

Washington, D.C., neighbors Kate and Dave unexpectedly fall in love. Kate's a professional musician while Dave, a former photographer, lives off of his lottery winnings. They contend with major household mishaps, disapproving parents, and a hostage-taker before marrying. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 1989.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB061164

Foul Play by Janet Evanovich

Read by Colleen Delany

4 hours, 1 minute

Veterinarian Jacob Elliott falls in love with recently fired television host Amy Klasse. Amy is replaced at work by a seven-pound chicken and when it disappears, she is accused of taking it. Amy and Jacob search for the missing bird. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1989.

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Metro Girl by Janet Evanovich

Read by Faith Potts

7 hours, 42 minutes

Former stock-car driver Alexandra Barnaby leaves Baltimore to find her missing brother "Wild Bill" in Miami. NASCAR driver Sam Hooker is also looking for Bill, who stole Hooker's yacht. The two join forces to expedite the search and sparks fly. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller. 2004.

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Motor Mouth by Janet Evanovich

Read by Faith Potts

7 hours, 45 minutes

Alexandra "Barney" Barnaby, last seen in Metro Girl (RC 59459), and her lover, NASCAR driver Sam Hooker, look for evidence of cheating at the race track. When they steal a car-hauler truck, they discover the body of a murdered race-car owner inside. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller. 2006.

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Wicked Appetite by Janet Evanovich

Read by Faith Potts

6 hours, 57 minutes

After inheriting a house near Salem, Massachusetts, baker Lizzy Tucker encounters two supernatural men: Diesel, from Visions of Sugar Plums (DB 55055), and his cousin Wulf. Diesel and Wulf believe Lizzy has the power to find seven magical stones--and each wants to keep the other from possessing the objects. 2010.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB072192

Wicked Business and Lizzy and Diesel Novel by Janet Evanovich

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

6 hours, 44 minutes

After Harvard University professor Gilbert Reedy is murdered, baker Lizzy Tucker and her supernatural friend Diesel continue Gilbert's quest for the Luxuria Stone--an ancient relic with the power of lust. Also searching are Diesel's cousin Wulf and zombie-like Anarchy. Bestseller. 2012.

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Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder: a Hannah Swensen Mystery by Joanne Fluke

Read by Kristin Allison

7 hours, 34 minutes

Bakery owner Hannah Swensen of Lake Eden, Minnesota, discovers the body of the local dairy delivery man in her alley. Although her brother-in-law, Bill Todd, is a deputy sheriff, Hannah does some sleuthing of her own. Then another murder occurs. Includes cookie recipes. 2000.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB054603

Hollywood Homicide by Kellye Garrett

Read by Emily Ellet

9 hours, 32 minutes

Actress Dayna Anderson needs money: her short-lived stint in commercials is over, and her father's illness may lead to her parents losing their house. When Dayna sees a reward poster for a hit-and-run accident, she realizes she saw the involved car that night, and begins investigating. Some strong language. Agatha Award. 2017.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB091058

Murder on a Girls' Night Out by Anne George

Read by Ruth Ann Phimister

7 hours, 31 minutes

Retired Alabama schoolteacher Patricia Anne Hollowell has a mystery to solve when, shortly after her flamboyant sister Mary Alice buys a country-and-western bar, the previous owner is found dead in a wishing well. Commercial audiobook. 1996.

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And a Puzzle to Die On by Parnell Hall

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

9 hours, 20 minutes

Attorney Becky Baldwin asks amateur sleuth Cora Felton to investigate the twenty-year-old case of Darryl Daigue, who is serving a life sentence for a teenager's murder. When more deaths occur the "Puzzle Lady" puts together a convoluted theory. Some violence and some strong language. 2004.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB060183

Maggody in Manhattan an Arly Hanks Mystery by Joan Hess

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

8 hours, 42 minutes

Maggody, Arkansas, police chief Arly Hanks's mother, Ruby Bee, wins a Manhattan trip as a cook-off finalist. When Ruby Bee ends up in jail, Arly reluctantly rescues her and meets another unlikely contestant, dashing but mysterious Durmond Pilverman, who helps investigate a murder. Some strong language. 1992.

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Dead to Rights a Joanna Brady Mystery by Judith A. Jance

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

10 hours, 27 minutes

Newly widowed sheriff Joanna Brady of Cochise County, Arizona, investigates the murder of local veterinarian Bucky Buckwalter. Suspects include the husband of a woman Bucky ran over while drunk, Bucky's own wife, and his wife's lover. Some violence and some strong language. 1996.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB067935

Confessions of a Shopaholic by Sophie Kinsella

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

10 hours, 1 minute

Young London journalist Rebecca Bloomwood loves to shop for clothes, makeup, shoes, and other trendy extravagances she can ill afford on her meager wages. Her banker is pressing her about her enormous overdue credit-card bill, but Becky just can't seem to control her addiction. Some strong language. 2001.

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Remember Me? by Sophie Kinsella

Read by Mare Trevathan

10 hours, 44 minutes

London. After twenty-eight-year-old Lexi Smart wakes up with amnesia, she can't remember the past three years of her life. Lexi learns that she's now a gorgeous but cut-throat businesswoman with a priggish millionaire husband and a secret lover. Strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

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A Date You Can't Refuse by Harley Jane Kozak

Read by Mare Trevathan

10 hours, 10 minutes

After cash-strapped greeting-card designer Wollie Shelley finishes jury duty, defendant Yuri Milos offers Wollie a position as a dating coach at his media-training company for foreign celebrities. When FBI agents tell Wollie to take the job and spy for them, she reluctantly agrees. Some violence and some strong language. 2009.

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Getting Old is Murder by Rita Lakin

Read by Cecelia Riddett

7 hours, 47 minutes

Seventy-five-year-old Gladdy Gold, a retired New York librarian, lives in the Lanai Gardens apartment complex in Fort Lauderdale. Gladdy is suspicious when one of her elderly neighbors dies, but the death of her best friend Francie sends heartbroken Gladdy into sleuth mode to find the murderer. Some strong language. 2005.

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The Spellman Files by Lisa Lutz

Read by Erin Jones

10 hours, 20 minutes

Twenty-eight-year-old licensed private investigator Izzy Spellman has worked for her parents' PI firm for sixteen years. Fed up with her family's prying ways, Izzy agrees to work one last job--an unsolved missing-person case. Then Izzy's quirky fourteen-year-old sister Rae--who shadows people both recreationally and for the business--disappears. Strong language. 2007.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB078403

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Our Lady of Immaculate Deception by Nancy Martin

Read by Mare Trevathan

9 hours, 6 minutes

Unlike her shady relatives, Pittsburgh single mom Roxy Abruzzo runs a legit architectural-salvage business. But she can't resist taking a seemingly abandoned Greek statue from a burned-down estate. When the owner is killed that same night, Roxy realizes she's in trouble. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2010.

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Crocodile on the Sandbank by Elizabeth Peters

Read by Flo Gibson

8 hours, 38 minutes

In 1880 spinster Amelia Peabody is in Rome en route to Egypt when she befriends a young noblewoman, Evelyn Barton-Forbes, who has been seduced and abandoned by her drawing master. Evelyn agrees to accompany Amelia and soon unaccountable things begin to happen, climaxing when a tomb is discovered and its inhabitant disappears in the night.

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A Hole in Juan: An Amanda Pepper Mystery by Gillian Roberts

Read by Annie Wauters

7 hours, 15 minutes

Halloween pranks at Philly Prep turn sinister when science teacher Juan Reyes is seriously injured in a chemistry lab explosion shortly after complaining of being harassed by his students. To find the culprit, English teacher Amanda Pepper enlists the aid of her new PI husband, C.K. Mackenzie. 2006.

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Mace Bauer. Books 1-5 by Deborah Sharp

Read by Abigail Maupin

43 hours, 13 minutes

Five mysteries, written in 2008-13, feature Mace Bauer, who spends a lot of time dealing with the trouble her four-times-married mother gets into in rural Florida. Includes Mama Does Time, Mama Rides Shotgun, Mama Gets Hitched, Mama Sees Stars, and Mama Gets Trashed. Some strong language. 2013.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB095650

Sweet Love by Sarah Strohmeyer

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

8 hours, 59 minutes

The mother of Boston reporter and single parent Julie Mueller tries to reunite Julie with former crush Michael Slayton at a pastry class. But Julie and Michael are still feuding over a story Julie broke years ago, and, besides, Julie's too busy to fall in love. Some strong language. 2008.

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Dying in Style: Josie Marcus, Mystery Shopper by Elaine Viets

Read by Laramie Thompson

8 hours, 26 minutes

Hired to inspect the stores of designer Denessa Celedine anonymously, mystery shopper Josie Marcus's less than stellar report is the least of the designer's problems, after she is found strangled with one of her own expensive snakeskin belts. Some strong language and descriptions of sex.

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